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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CRIMMINS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (MRS. CARTER)
SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT BY MRS. CARTER

REF: A. BRASILIA 2789
B. STATE 077204

1. AMBASSADOR SCARABOTOLO, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY, HAS CALLED ME IN BEHALF OF THE
FOREIGN MINISTER, TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE GOB ACCEPTS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THE
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PERSONAL OR PRIVATE PART OF MRS. CARTER'S VISIT
AND ASSURES THAT SHE WILL BE GIVEN EVERY ATTENTION.
SCARABOTOLO MENTIONED HER BEING RECEIVED BY
MRS. GEISEL AND MRS. SILVEIRA. HE ALSO REFERRED
BRIEFLY AND VAGUELY TO THE EXPECTATION THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO CONTACTS WITH THE PRESS.

B. AS FOR THE OFFICIAL ASPECT OF THE VISIT,
THE GOB CANNOT GIVE AN ANSWER UNTIL IT KNOWS
WHAT SUBJECTS WILL BE RAISED, THAT IS, WHAT THE
AGENDA MIGHT BE, AND WITH WHOM MRS. CARTER WOULD
WANT TO MEET. SCARABOTOLO EMPHASIZED THAT THE KEY
QUESTION WAS: WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE VISIT?

2. SCARABOTOLO OFFERED TO MEET WITH US TOMORROW
(MONDAY) IF WE WERE IN A POSITION TO TALK
IN MORE DETAIL.

3. COMMENT: AT BEST THE REPLY IS CAUTIOUS AND
REFLECTIVE OF BRAZILIAN UNEASINESS ABOUT THE UNORTHO-
DOXY OF SUCH A VISIT; AT WORST, IT IS SUSPICIOUS
AND UNGRACIOUS. THE FACT THAT THE MATTER WAS
PLACED IN PROTOCOL CHANNELS SUGGESTS AN INTENTION
TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF TREATING THE VISIT AS
A ROUTINE MATTER. I BELIEVE FURTHER THAT IT IS
INTENDED TO SIGNAL THAT THE GOB IS NOT PREPARED TO
ACCEPT OFFICIAL CONTACTS EXCEPT ON ITS OWN TERMS. IN
A BROADER SENSE, THE REPLY REFLECTS, I BELIEVE,
THE GOB'S SELF-CONFIDENCE, NOT TO SAY COCKINESS,
AS A RESULT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THAT SEEM ALL TO
BE MOVING IN ITS FAVOR: ABOVE ALL, THE FRG DECISION
ON THE TRANSFER OF PLANS; THE SHOE DECISION; THE
PRESUMED SOFTENING OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS; THE LIMITED FOREIGN REACTION
TO THE HARSH POLITICAL MEASURES ADOPTED INTERNALLY;
AND THE APPARENT SUCCESS OF SIMONSEN'S VISIT TO NEW
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YORK AND WASHINGTON. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT
THE GOB ATTRIBUTES THESE DEVELOPMENTS TO ITS TOUGH
STAND AND THAT, INDEED, AS SILVEIRA PREDICTED AFTER
THE U.S. ELECTION, THE U.S. HAS TO "DIGEST" OR
SWALLOW BRAZIL.

4. PLEASE INSTRUCT.
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